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For: Hydroxydiphenyl ether compounds

Enclosed are:

- 58 pages of specification including claims
 - 1 page(s) of abstract
 - Declaration and Power of Attorney (**2 copies**) (For continuations/divisionals)
 - Preliminary Amendment**
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- This application is a continuation of prior application No. 10/281,011.
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 10/281,011, filed October 25, 2002, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/573,403, filed May 18, 2000, now abandoned.--
- Priority of application No. 99810442.6 filed on May 20, 1999 respectively; in Europe (designating Germany) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. A certified copy of the priority document is
 - of record in application No. 09/573,403 filed May 18, 2000.
- Please consider the attached Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fees.

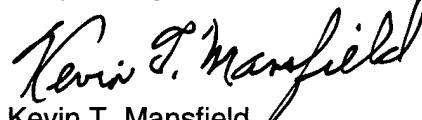
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